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Ciril KRUŠNIK



Unexpectedly and far too early, Dr Ciril Krušnik died at the age of 55 on 18 March 2006 in Malaysia.

Ciril Krušnik was born on 16 May 1951 in Ljubljana, Slovenia where he lived all his life. He graduated twice. For the first time from the Pedagogic Academy of University of Ljubljana in 1974 and became a teacher for Biology and Chemistry. As he was more interested in research biology in 1979, he graduated from the Biotechnical Faculty University of Ljubljana. The same year he obtained a research associate position with the National Institute of Biology (NIB) in Ljubljana where he worked successfully for 23 years. In the meantime, he defended his M.Sc. in Biology in Biology in 1985 at the University of Ljubljana and his Ph.D. in 1999 at the same university. Already in his M.Sc. thesis, he showed an interest in Freshwater Ecology and benthic invertebrates which were his main occupation throughout his entire career at NIB. From 1987 he was also involved in the national monitoring programme of surface waters, what influenced also his doctoral thesis entitled *The analysis of the indicator values of some freshwater organisms for assessing water quality in Slovenia*. Although most of his time at NIB he worked on freshwater ecology, Trichoptera were one of his main interests. He dealt mostly with adults as caddisfly larvae collected in the area of Slovenia and former Yugoslavia, where he sampled most, were almost all not determinable to the species level. In 2002 he moved to the Fishery Research Institute of Slovenia in Ljubljana and obtained the position of head of the expertise and research group and also became an editor of the review "Ichthyos". As he changed the main research field of interest, although he still worked on freshwater ecology, he also moved most of his Trichoptera collection to the Slovenian Museum of Natural History. On the other hand most of the undetermined specimens were given, in that time, to a young researcher

(author of this article), who determined them and used the information in his doctoral thesis. To help young researchers was only one of Ciril's great characteristics which were observed during our short but fruitful cooperation. Moreover, he was more than just a colleague with the same research interest. He was a real friend, ready to help you with a practical advice and all small things that make your life easier. A few months before he died, we started to cooperate on the common project of implementing the European Water Framework directive. Our last meeting, two days before he took a holiday in Malaysia, was full of good ideas how to proceed. He did not come back. However, our ideas will be implemented.

Thank you Ciril,

Gorazd Urbanič

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Trichoptera Atlas of Southeastern Asia

I am preparing an Atlas for the identification of adult (male) caddisflies of a part of south-eastern Asia, similar to my European Atlas. This Atlas will enable the workers in this region to identify the specimens. At present this is practically impossible because they have no access to the relevant literature nor to voucher collections. The area will include Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Brunei, the islands of Sumatra with several minor coastal islands, Kalimantan, Jawa and Bali of Indonesia, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands of India. This selection is based on a reasonable knowledge of the fauna of these countries. Myanmar and the other Indonesian islands will not be included because of lack of knowledge; for China, the Philippines and the Indian subcontinent separate studies are necessary.

If you should have new species from this region to be described soon or in preparation, I suggest that you publish the descriptions including figures as soon as possible to enable me to include them in the Atlas so as to make it as complete as possible. Of course there will remain large gaps in our knowledge, but this book is intended to be a first step to a better knowledge.

Hans Malicky

